

Mac Neil, N. A.

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1916-1926

January 6th, 1917.

Mr. Hermon A. MacNeil,
160 Fifth Avenue,
New York.

Dear Sir:-

At a meeting of this Society held January fourth, I was instructed to convey to you the following resolution adopted at that meeting:

"Resolved, that a vote of thanks be extended to Mr. MacNeil for his interesting and instructive remarks on the subject of the art and craft of coin production, and especially his experiences in producing our new coins".

You have aided us on many points, and we trust you will always co-operate with us, and that we can be of service to you.

Again with thanks for your courtesies, I am,

Yours very truly,

Treasurer.

January 26, 1920

H. A. MacNeil, Esq.
679 Northern Boulevard
College Point
Long Island, N.Y.

Dear Mr. MacNeil:

Of all the artists who have worked on the designs for our improved coinage, I think you are the only one not a member of our Society, and I am writing to ask whether you will not consider this invitation to ally yourself with us.

You know of our effort to uphold a high standard for medals, and we should appreciate your support in this direction.

I am taking the liberty of enclosing an application card, and if you will permit me, it will give me great pleasure to present your name at the next meeting of our Council.

Very respectfully yours,

Secretary.

(Enclosure)

June 1st, 1923.

Mr. Hermon A. MacNeil,
679 Northern Boulevard,
College Point, L. I.

Dear Mr. MacNeil:

Would it be asking too much of you to
write out and send to me the remarks you made
upon receiving the J. Sanford Saltus Award Medal?
I am writing up the minutes of the meeting of
May 19th, and would like to incorporate your
remarks in them.

Very truly yours,

Curator & Acting Secretary.

August 7th, 1923

Herman A. MacNeil, Esq.
Northern Boulevard
College Point, L.I.

Dear Mr. MacNeil:

If you are on the terrace in connection with the closing of the Sculpture Exhibition, I should very much like to talk with you for a few minutes.

In connection with the award of the Saltus Medal, we have a small amount of income to be spent for the work of the recipient of the award. I find that we have but one of your medals. We do not have the Buffalo Exposition one, nor the Poppenhusen Institute medal. It might be well to consider also whether it would be possible to have casts from the full size of your model. From purposes of exhibition, you will understand that these have greater decorative value than the smaller medals.

What we should like to do, would be to have as representative an exhibition as possible of your medallic work within the limits of the amount we have to spend - something a little over Two Hundred Dollars.

Very truly yours,

Secretary

SPN/E

December 3rd, 1923.

Herman A. MacNeil, Esq.,
679 Northern Boulevard,
College Point, L. I.

Dear Mr. MacNeil:

Can you tell me what firm struck the Pan-American
Exposition Medal designed by you? The Medallio Art
Company say they did not. It looks a little like the
work of the A. M. Whiting Company. What I am trying
to do, of course, is to secure another copy.

Very sincerely yours,

Secretary.

November 5th, 1923.

Mr. Herman A. MacNeil,
679 Northern Boulevard,
College Point, L. I.

Dear Mr. MacNeil:

Mr. Reilly passed on the message regarding the bronze Pan-American Exposition Medal. If possible, we will secure another specimen of this medal, and return your copy to you. As this however, may take some time, if there has been no result after a reasonable interval, will you mention the matter again.

Very truly yours,

Secretary.

January 24th, 1924

Herman A. MacNeil. *Sq.*
679 Northern Boulevard
College Point, L.I.

Dear Mr. MacNeil:

Our people have decided that it would be a very desirable thing to issue a medal to commemorate the Coming of the ship Nieuw Amsterdam in 1624; and it has seemed proper to ask you as the latest recipient of the Saltus Award whether you would care to undertake the work. The commission involved is only One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000), but we have previously offered but \$800 for medals made for us up to this time. From what you said when I saw you last, I am not at all sure that you will feel free to undertake additional work. I am hoping that my fears are needless.

Won't you please telephone me tomorrow (Friday) morning and let me answer any questions you may have, and talk to you further about the matter in the event that you can consider the proposition favorably.

Very truly yours,

SPN/E

Secretary

January 16th, 1924

Herman A. MacNeil, Esq.
679 Northern Boulevard
College Point, L.I.

Dear Mr. MacNeil:

First of all, this is to tell you that we have at last succeeded in obtaining two copies of your Pan-American Medal from Gorham and shall, therefore, be in a position to return the one which you brought to us.

I am told by the Medallie Art Company that there are several Reverses of the Architectural League Medal. Were these all designed by you? We should, of course, like to have all the varieties, and I am wondering if it would be necessary to obtain permission from the Architectural League to have copies struck for us by the Medallie Art Company. If so, would you prefer to have us make the request? And who would be the proper person to address?

We have received the castings full size of the models for these two medals, and are having mounts made for the Architectural League design. I do not know if you saw them in the foundry or not, but we ^{are} mightily pleased with them; they will make a very attractive addition to our walls.

Very sincerely yours,

Secretary

SPN/E

L. V. Solon 215 W. 57

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COLLEGE POINT
NEW YORK

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Sidney P. Nor
Sec. A. N. S.

Hear Mr. Nor

Answering yours of the 16th
All the reverses of the Arch. League were made
by me. The change is merely in the
lettering for the different kinds awarded
Arch - Painting - Sec. -
I've no doubt by merely addressing the Sec.
Arch League of N.Y. 215 W 57th St. That
permission will be granted to have them
struck for your museum collection

Very Sincerely Yours
H. A. Mac Neil.

February 28th, 1924

Herron A. MacNeil, Esq.
679 Northern Boulevard
College Point, L.I.

Dear Mr. MacNeil:

You will perhaps recall my having mentioned to you that the Auguste Walloon half-dollar was on the point of being issued. We now have a copy, and I should like to have you see it when you come.

As I understand the matter, the "Nieuw Amsterdam" arrived sometime early in May, and we are wondering if it would be possible to have the medal ready for issue about that time.

When you are here, will you please remind me to have you look at the castings of your Pan-American and Architectural League medals. They have been given a rather dark patina, and I do not know whether the Roman Bronze people submitted them to you before delivering or not.

I have received permission from the Architectural League to have additional copies of their medal struck so that we shall be able to return both those which you so kindly loaned to us at the time you sent the plaster models.

Trusting we shall have the pleasure of seeing you in the near future,

Very truly yours,

Secretary

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NEW YORK

April 15, 1924.

Mr. Sydney P. Noe, Sec.,
American Numismatic Society,
Broadway bet. 155th & 156th Sts.,
New York, N. Y.

My dear Mr. Noe:-

Regarding the matter of your medal for this year, since I last saw you I have had but little time to even make preliminary sketches and have, however, made one or two little plans that are, I think, in the right direction. Frankly I am not only uncertain of your mind regarding the event but I am now practically certain that I ^{shall} ~~would~~ not do the medal until my return from my western trip this summer, probably the first of September. I had hoped to get at it three or four weeks ago but I find the pressure of things ^{and} promised too great.

A general plan which seems to be very good for your medal was one with the Dutch ships near the coast of Manhattan Island. The Island itself with its characteristic profile of the fort, windmill, small houses and tents, showing the distance with the ship itself in the near foreground three-quarters showing with stern in sight; perhaps being loaded by the Indians and traders, showing them carrying their merchandise of skins more in the foreground toward the boat. This, you see would at once determine this side of the medal as a '36 side as near as I can figure. The opposite side would, it seems to me, be well to treat with the bargaining of Minuet with the Indians for the lands of Manhattan itself.

We know, of course, there is considerable dispute as to whether '24 or '36 is the proper date to be used and as I understand it there is a final solution of this problem in sight for the near future. I do not recall the exact date Minuet bought the Island, in fact I do not know as it is known but if the negotiation for the purchase occurred in '24 (at the time the Walloons came over and settled little if any in

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Manhattan) ~~was in 1924~~). Why would not this be a perfectly sound and safe plan thus obviating the ever occurring discussion unless perchance the authorities discover shortly that one or the other was the exact date of settlement?

However, to get back to the practical part of the problem, as I say, I am tied hand and foot until I can get away for my western trip, which has already been planned for some time and I must go by the first of June any way and for this reason I regret very much having bothered you and delayed your medal. Not that I do not wish to do it and would do it in the Fall but I feel that you are anxious to have it shortly and for that reason alone, I am not only giving you the privilege by this letter to start off again with someone else who may be able to give their full time to it but if there is anything in the above suggestion of interest to you you are perfectly welcome to use it.

I think this explains my position clearly and I hope I am not giving you the impression of being a quitter. My only point is that I find it now determined after all that I will be unable to do it when you doubtless would most need it.

In the meantime, please believe me

Very sincerely yours,

HAMACF/AL

Hermona Mac Neil

May 20th, 1924

Herman A. MacNeil, Esq.
Northern Boulevard
College Point, N.Y.

Dear Mr. MacNeil:

It is a real disappointment to me to learn through Mr. Beatty that we shall have to give up our plan for your making a medal for the Society for this year. I realize, however, your difficulties as described in your letter of April 18th, and there seems to other course.

Doubtless, you have read of the celebration staged by some of the Dutch descendants last week.

What would be your idea for a design for a medal in 1926 to commemorate Minnet's purchase of the island? Does this appeal to you as a medallic subject? If we could hit on some satisfactory design and arrange for the issue of the medal in 1926, do you suppose that in the intervals between commissions you might be able to handle the matter for us?

Very cordially yours,

Secretary

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May 37, 1934.

Mr. Sydney P. Noe, Secy.,
American Numismatic Society,
155th St. & Broadway,
New York, N. Y.

My dear Mr. Noe:-

Thank you for your letter of May 20th just received and I shall be very glad indeed to entertain your kind thought of ^(please to consider) contenting with me for your 1936 medal to commemorate Minuet's purchase of the island. It seems to me as if a very handsome and satisfactory medal could be made of the subject and I can see no reason why I should not have time to do it. This was the thought I had in regard to the attempt for this year but as I had already written you, what I had already promised seemed to have (more or less as usual) taken more time than I calculated. I hate ^{to} ~~distinct~~ time on any piece of work.

I am leaving at the end of this week and am just barely getting through with what I had on hand but I shall be glad on my return in September to take up the question of the '36 medal with you and see if we can make a fine design for it.

The celebration of which you speak at the Town Hall I had the pleasure of seeing. In fact, because of this interest lying dormant for the moment I was attracted to see what they might offer but I am frank to say that it struck me very considerably as a "society event". *with however very handsome*

With renewed appreciation for your forbearance, I am

Very sincerely yours,

H. A. Mac Neil.

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NEW YORK

Sept. 25, 1924.

Mr. Sydney P. Noe, Secy.,
American Numismatic Society,
Broadway, bet. 155th & 156th Sts.,
New York, N. Y.

My dear Mr. Noe:

I am back on the job again after a most delightful vacation and am getting my schedule for the year planned out. In it I find a promise to make a medal for you this coming year, provided you still want it.

If I recollect rightly, your last suggestion was that you would wait until I came back and that you had some further suggestion as to the character or historical event to be represented. I tried to get you on the phone yesterday but received no answer. Will you kindly drop me a line giving your last thought on the matter; first, whether you care to proceed with it and if so designate as clearly as possible the epoch you would like represented?

It seems so far as I can find the purchase took place in 1626 by Minuet by order of the West India Company and of course previous to that it had been used as a stopping place and trading post and it does not seem as if the Waploons had very much to do with this Island. Anyhow, if you will let me hear from you as soon as possible I will do anything you wish in the matter.

In the meantime, please believe me

Very sincerely yours,

H. A. Mac Neil

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September 27th, 1924

Herman A. MacNeil, Esq.
Northern Boulevard
College Point, N.Y.

Dear Sir:

Your letter of September 25th addressed
to Mr. Nee has been received.

Mr. Nee is absent on vacation, and your
letter will be brought to his attention immediately
upon his return, which is expected to be the first
week in October.

Very truly yours,

Publication Department

Oct. 3rd, 1924.

H.A. MacNeil, Esq.,

Northern Boulevard, College Pt., N.Y.

Dear Mr. MacNeil:-

Your letter of the 25th ult. was awaiting my arrival this morning. Yes, of course, we wish you to proceed with making the medal we discussed. There have been almost no new developments since you left, save that in the meantime we have arranged to have Dr. Francisci make a Paul Rovere medal which we hope to issue in April, next, the 150th anniversary.

If you could complete a medal commemorating the purchase of Manhattan Island by Peter Minuit, for issue in 1925, I cannot see what would interfere with the promise of its great success. We should avoid difficulties by not raising the question of when it was first settled, and its purchase, to my mind, offers a much more attractive subject for medallic treatment.

I have talked over the matter with Mr. Peatty, the Chairman of the Publication of Medals Committee, and we shall be very glad to see your sketches for the medal as soon as you have got them to such shape as you would care to have us look at them. Please do not go beyond a rough indication of your intention, and preferably in the wax; and please do not hesitate to make them as numerous as you have ideas to illustrate.

Very sincerely yours,

Secretary.

January 15th, 1925

Mr. Hermon A. MacNeil
Northern Boulevard
College Point, N.Y.

Dear Mr. MacNeil:

For the information of the Committee on the Publication of Medals, will you be so good as to let us know what progress has been made on the medal which you are designing for us, to commemorate the purchase of Manhattan Island. You will recall that you were going to have some sketches made, from which the Committee might select those they consider the more desirable.

I know that many of the sculptors have been, and are still, very busy, but I am hoping that nothing has come up which will prevent your completing this medal for us. We wish to have it ready in plenty of time, and, in consequence, I should be glad to hear from you.

Very truly yours,

Chairman
Publication of Medals

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COLLEGE POINT
NEW YORK

May 4 '25.

Dear Mr. Nor.

I do not forget the very promising
the material
He is a man of several states but
has to be made to be a man for
a week & will call you up on
my return so as to go over them
Ever yours
Hermon A. Mac Neil

Manuscript, Manuscript, Manuscript 1925

June 9, 1925

H. M. MacNeil, Esq.
College Point
Long Island, N. Y.

Dear Mr. MacNeil:

I am enclosing a rubbing of a medal issued in 1914 merely to show that someone else has had an idea not dissimilar from your own.

A great deal depends on having the photographs from your medals not later than Thursday of this week.

Very truly yours

SPN C

Secretary

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NORTHERN BOULEVARD
COLLEGE POINT
NEW YORK

Dear Mr. Mac.

Enclosed are ~~poor~~ photos of the
sketches you saw here the
other day - hurriedly made.

They both will need considerable
study and revision - but
believe they will work out well.
I should have never thought of
criticism & suggestions.

Very truly,
Hermon A. Mac Neil



June 29, 1925

Herman A. MacNeil, Esq.
College Point
Long Island, N. Y.

Dear Mr. MacNeil:

I am sorry there has been so much delay in letting you know of the approval of the Council and of the New York Historical Society for the sketches which you submitted for the medal you are doing for us.

I believe you will be interested in the comments and suggestions which have been tabulated and which I am sending you herewith. Some of them, certainly, would have been eliminated in the course of your further work on the models but I am passing them along to you, believing you will find them helpful.

When you have got the design pretty nearly as you want it, if you will let Mr. Beatty and myself know, we should like to come again and go over the final version.

Very truly yours

SPN C

Secretary

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NORTHERN BOULEVARD
COLLEGE POINT
NEW YORK

June 30, 1925.

Mr. Sydney P. Noe, Secy.,
American Numismatic Society,
Broadway at 156th St.,
New York, N. Y.


My dear Mr. Noe:

Thank you for your letter just
received with comments on the sketch
for your medal. I will take them under
consideration with pleasure and let you
know as soon as I have the final form
of the medal well established.

In the meantime please believe me

Very sincerely yours,

H. A. MacNeil.



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Mr. Sidney P. No. 2 -

Sec. Am. Numismatic Soc.

Dear Mr. Noe -

Regarding next years medal,

You may remember how I didn't
seem entirely satisfied with
my own sketches when I presented
them to you -

That dissatisfaction stayed with me
particularly for the obverse side -
to make the story short - I have

finally evolved the idea I believe I
expressed to you of trying to show
the development during this ^{300 yr.} period

rather than making too much of a feature
of the penny bargain for the Island
Particularly as this latter feature has
already been celebrated on your
previous medal.

I am therefore sending you a photo
of my last idea which I submit for
your approval before finishing it.

Roughly my idea would be to have
the Reverse show the words & illustrate
Manhattan 1626 (as your photo already
shows).

The Obverse New York City - 1926.
giving the figures on the side the punch

Have been away a week & that this had been mailed

& more & power - that we see about us
today - Maritime & Commercial - as well
as things that pertain to the "higher life"
your note are indicated -
I believe this will make an
infinitely better medal - & trust your
Committee will like it.

Cordially Yrs
Hanssen.

September 10th, 1925

Herman A. MacNeil, Esq.
Northern Boulevard
College Point, N.Y.

Dear Mr. MacNeil:

I have your photograph, and am taking up
the matter with the Medal Committee. I will
let you have a response as soon as anything
is decided.

Sincerely yours,

Secretary

September 15th, 1925

Herman A. MacNeil, Esq.
Northern Boulevard
College Point, N.Y.

Dear Mr. MacNeil:

Your revised design for the obverse of the medal commemorating the purchase of Manhattan Island has been submitted to the Medal Committee, but despite the splendid quality of this second sketch, there is a feeling that the original one better expresses the purpose of the Celebration - that is, the purchase of the island, and they, therefore, feel that it would be wiser to use the first idea. Inasmuch as the first sketch has been submitted to the New York Historical Society, and accepted by them, this decision is probably the wiser.

Mr. Beatty asked me to say that he felt sure that Mr. Wall, the librarian of the New York Historical Society, would gladly give you every possible aid in questions of costume; and that he, himself, would be glad to meet you there if you so desired.

Here are a few other suggestions which have come up as the design has been seen by one and another - most of which would have been worked out by you in the finished sketch:

- a) Could not the stooping Indians be a little more sharply separated? It is felt that the one seems to be a shadow of the other, now.

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- b) It is felt that the inscription would gain by having it in one line, and by having it read: Commemorating the Purchase of Manhattan, omitting By Peter Minuet.
- c) The date MDCXVI below in the exergue, but not necessarily with a separating line.
- d) It is questioned whether or not Minuet should have spurs. If his name is used, it would be well to make sure that this is the Dutch spelling.
- e) Reverse
Insignia of A. N. S. should be at left centre of rim, and monogram or arrangement of letters N.Y.H.S. at right centre.
- f) Also the form of the sumpum should be truer to the actual material.

I trust that you will feel that these suggestions are not in the nature of criticisms - I am passing them along in order to give you the benefit of them.

Both Mr. Beatty and I would be glad to be of any possible aid in case occasion should arise.

Very truly yours,

Secretary

Sept. 16 25

Mr. Sidney P. Ross -
Sec. A.R.V.S. -

My dear Mr. Ross -

Yours of the 15th expressing your
desire to adhere to the first sketch
submitted surprised me -

I quite agree that "I" expresses the ^{use} ~~Principle~~
but I thought I gave you the idea
that on the reverse I would
introduce with the little figures
by the ship - this simple transaction
or the fact that you have already issued
a medal expressing that idea also
influenced me

But to my mind & I believe to the
lay (as well as artistic eye)
the latter design is much as the idea
of encompassing the 300 years growth
of the city, will be by far the better
idea & medal both

When we first spoke of the best idea
you I remember asked if there was
any other suggestion that came to me.
so I felt for the bigger idea

In fact I liked this one so much
better that I came pretty near forgetting
that I should submit it to your
Committee -

You speak of submission to the Com. of this Soc.
Do they not have a meeting shortly?

Anyway perhaps there is some way
you can let me take the blame?
which I shall be glad to do - "of
changing my mind" -

Should you care to run over
to see the new sketch I should be
glad to talk it over with you.

Very Sincerely yrs
H. D. Merrill.

September 23rd, 1925

Mr. Harmon A. MacNeil
Northern Boulevard
College Point, N.Y.

Dear Mr. MacNeil:

Replying to yours of the 16th, I took up your letter with Mr. Beatty, with the following results:

It seems that Mr. Beatty, as Chairman of the Publication of Medals Committee, placed before our Council the two designs submitted by you, and asked them to consider the change you suggested. I was not present at their meeting, and my letter merely communicated to you their decision. From Mr. Beatty I now learn that this decision was unanimous in feeling that the second design was too far removed from the purpose of striking the medal, to permit the change. They thought the first sketch much the better presentation for a medal commemorating the purchase of the Island, consequently they did not all go into the merits of the design as expressing the three centuries of growth.

In view of the unanimity of the Council, Mr. Beatty does not see how the question can be reopened - nor do I. Considering your own feelings regarding the comparative merit of the two designs, I feel sorry that the Council's action has been so positive; but I should be misleading you if I did not give you a correct report of their action.

Very sincerely yours,

Secretary

October 15th, 1925

Herman A. MacNeil, Esq.
Northern Boulevard
College Point, L.I.

Dear Mr. MacNeil:

In response to yours of the third, because I have been awaiting word from Mr. Beatty as to when he could come to you, I have delayed replying. However, as I have not seen him for more than a week now, I am sending this along so that you will not think your request failed to reach us. I will communicate again with you as soon as something definite can be arranged.

Very truly yours,

Secretary



Brace -

Sketch for
Manhattan Purchase
medal

H. A. Macmillan



Sketch for obverse of
Purchase medal
H. A. Mac wife.





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Hammermill Co.



The Purchase
of Manhattan
1626.

Manuscript



Sketch for reverse of
Manhattan Purchase

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American Numismatic Society
Purchase of Manhattan Medal

VERSE

Design of Reverse

1. The two slooping Indians should be separate so the back one does not appear a shadow.
2. The Lettering "Commemorating the Purchase of Manhattan" should be in one line and not separated by the lines in any way. Perhaps better with the inside line of small letters, and the name "Peter Minnet" on the
3. The date "MDCXXVI" to be below in exergue but not necessarily to have a separating line.
4. Should Minnet have period? If his name is used should not it all have the Dutch spelling?

REVERSE

Monogram of Am. Num. Soc. should be in left center of rim and a corresponding monogram or arrangement of the letters N.Y.H.S. on the right center of rim. This instead of where now shown. Perhaps both in an ornamented circle or shape.

F. H.
M. C. Paul

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COLLEGE POINT
NEW YORK

Oct. 27, 1925.

Mr. Sydney P. Noe, Secy.,
American Numismatic Society,
Broadway bet. 155th & 156th Sts.,
New York, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Noe:

Regarding the design for your medal to be issued next year for the celebration of New York City, since having made sketches which your committee were kind enough to find worthy and accepted for execution, I have run across a previous medal showing The Purchase of Manhattan by Minuet and curiously enough this composition is not very dissimilar to my own design.

As this medal is already in circulation it seems to me a very grave question whether we should make and issue another medal more or less similar. It would seem to me unwise to do so as it would tend to negate enthusiasm on the part of purchasers of your medal and I've no doubt you yourself will find other reasons for not repeating.

Since this fact has come to my notice I have gone over the problem again and evolved the following idea.

To use the two sides of the present medal to express, the beginning of Manhattan showing the West India (Dutch) ship as already accepted by you and also incidentally in small figures show the purchase of Manhattan by Minuet *on this same side as well as figures landing the ship.*

Then, for the other side of the medal I have made a design that seems to me to express (in an *allegorical way*) the *transition from the old to the new* imagination of New York City of today, showing by the secondary figure in this design an emblem of the higher life toward which we are all striving.

I am submitting two new photos of this "alpha and omega" of our island and shall hope, in view of the information regarding the previous medal, your Committee will find this idea far better. I feel

Young kindred-spirit

HERNION A. MAC NEIL
NORFOLK BOULEVARD
COURT HOUSE
NEW YORK

Mr. Sydney P. Noe

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Confident of it myself and am sorry not to have
known of the previous medal early.

Very sincerely,

H. A. MacNeil.

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P. S. There will be no difficulty in working in
the symbols or initials of the two societies and if
there is a good suggestion for the name of this
and will I should be glad to hear it.

now called New York City.

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HERMON A. MAC NEIL
NORTHERN BOLLIVARD
COLLEGE POINT
NEW YORK

Nov. 3 '25.

Mr. Sidney P. Noe,
Sec. A. N. S. -

Dear Mr. Noe.

Your recent letters regarding the
design of the N. Y. medal leave
me in an uncertain state of mind.
I wonder if it would be too much
to ask you, Mr. Beatty to run out here
some day talk this thing over -
Yours, sincerely
H. A. Mac Neil

November 10th, 1925

Herman A. MacNeill, Esq.
Northern Boulevard
College Point, N.Y.

Dear Mr. MacNeill:

I have the photographs and your letter which I showed to Mr. Newell yesterday. He is of the opinion that it will not be necessary to trouble you to be present at the meeting of the Council on the 13th.

I have not yet been able to see Mr. Beatty but I note that you have not carried out the alterations which you proposed when we were there - except for the inscription of the name "Manhattan" on the scroll and the date in addition to the initials of the two Societies on the reverse.

I will advise you of the action of the Council as soon thereafter as is possible.

Sincerely yours,

Secretary

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NORTHERN BOULEVARD
NEW YORK

Mr Sidney P. Noe
Sec A.N.S.

Dear Mr Noe.

Answering yours just rec'd -
The further changes on the medal
are the suggestion of the "barter" for the
Island by "rimmet" - below & to the left
of the ship - I have only suggested
them but you will notice they are
more conspicuous & the figures are larger
than they were in the 1st plate.
On the opposite side I changed the garland
so that it broke the line of shot right
appear to be "needed" I can make further
changes if it seems necessary -
Sincerely

November 18th, 1925

Herman A. MacNeil, Esq.
College Point, L.I.

Dear Mr. MacNeil:

Please pardon the delay in informing you of the action of the Council at its recent meeting, but Mr. Beatty desired to confer with Mr. Gallatin who had not been present at the Council meeting. And it was, also, desired to have Mr. Newell informed of the contents of this letter before it was sent you.

As it was anticipated, the Council felt, with you, that it would be a mistake to issue a medal having a design as much like the one struck in 1914. They have, therefore, accepted the design for the obverse - the ship. And I have been requested by Mr. Beatty to convey to you the following suggestions which were made in the course of the discussion of the design:

Because this now becomes the obverse, it is thought best to have the initials of the two Societies transferred to the other side. There was a feeling that the scroll with the name "Manhattan" might profitably be eliminated, and that the date be placed in the cartouche at the top, and the word "Manhattan" below - parallel with the border, perhaps.

The question was raised as to whether the details of the stern of the ship had been authenticated; and Mr. Beatty stated that he would request you to make sure that this had been done, and before the design is finally accepted.

There was, also, some question as to the proportions between the size of the figures and the size of the ship - a detail which, of course, would be more expressly worked out by you in the completed design.

With regard to the reverse, there was much discussion. The sketchiness of the design, as submitted, was commented upon; and it was felt that there would be a great gain, could there be a simplification of details:

The thickening of the wreath referred to in your letter seemed rather to have increased than to have decreased the similarity to a bird's neck, of which Mr. Beatty and I spoke.

Herman A. MacNeil, Esq.

November 18th, 1925

Another question was: "Why the helmeted male figure?" It was, also, felt that it would be a gain if the inscription could be in a single line - that is, if the date 1926 could be made a continuation of the inscription "New York City".

Another question was: "To which figure do the wings belong?"

In endeavouring to pass on these comments, I trust that you will feel that I am merely trying to give you the benefit of the reaction of the members of the Council. If I have failed to make the intention clear, please let me know, and I will try again.

Mr. Beatty asked me to say that he is at your disposal should you need a further conference.

Very truly yours,

Secretary

December 2nd, 1925

Herman A. MacNeil, Esq.
Northern Boulevard
College Point, L.I.

Dear Mr. MacNeil:

If your sketches are carried to a sufficiently advanced stage, it has been suggested that it would be very desirable for all concerned if you could either bring them or a photograph of them to the next meeting of the Council on Friday, December 11th, at the office of Mr. Robert J. Eidlitz, 41 East 42nd Street, at 4 p.m.

—Would you care to do this?

Very truly yours,

Secretary

March 24th, 1926

Hermon A. MacNeil, Esq.
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College Point, L.I.

Dear Mr. MacNeil:

This morning I received your bill for the Tercentenary Medal. Has there not been a mistake - a "typewritographical" one?

I am enclosing a copy of my letter to you under date of January 24th, 1924, and I have always understood your willingness to proceed with this medal as being on the basis of that letter. I know that you are accustomed to receive more than we have usually paid for medals, and that was my reason for writing you as I did in this letter, to ask whether you cared to undertake the work.

Very truly yours,

Enc.

Secretary

April 21st, 1926

Herman A. MacNeil, Esq.
College Point, L.I.

Dear Mr. MacNeil:

Herewith, is the first draft of material
for the folder of your medal. Do you want to
take a hack at it? If you have relatively
minor suggestions only and can give them to me
over the telephone, that would save time.

Very truly yours,

Enc.

Secretary